

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-12 (canceled).

13. (currently amended): A method of using a magnetic transfer master medium provided with an uneven pattern, which represents data to be transferred to a slave medium, wherein,

said magnetic transfer master medium transfers data to the slave medium after the surface of at least one of a plurality of protrusion portions of the uneven pattern formed thereon has been ground at least once after the manufacture of the magnetic transfer master medium and prior to the magnetic transfer master medium transferring data to the slave medium, said ground surface still forms a protrusion portion on the master medium.

14. (previously presented): A method of using a magnetic transfer master medium as defined in claim 13, wherein the surface of the protrusion portions of the uneven pattern formed on the magnetic transfer master medium is ground according to a degree to which said surface is marred.

15. (currently amended): A method of using a magnetic transfer master medium provided with an uneven pattern, which represents data to be transferred to a slave medium,

wherein said magnetic transfer master medium transfers data to the slave medium after the surface of protrusion portions of the uneven pattern that have been formed thereon is ground at least once after the magnetic transfer master medium has previously transferred data to a different slave medium, said ground surface still forms a protrusion portion on the master medium.

16. (previously presented): A method of using a magnetic transfer master medium as defined in claim 15, wherein the surface of the protrusion portions of the uneven pattern formed on the magnetic transfer master medium is ground according to a degree to which said surface is marred.